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MEMORANDUM

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On 22 February 1946, Col. McCormack submitted to the Secretary a brief in support of the establishment of an independent research and intelligence organization in the Department.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Departmental Order No. 1356, this brief and the organization plan contained therein were referred by the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Administration for clearance. Mr. Russell declined to clear the plan because of its conflict with the Department's existing organizational structure, and in his report to the Secretary of 25 February 1946, he made certain recommendations as to the proper and desirable organization of intelligence and research in the Department. An excerpt from Mr. Russell's report setting forth his conclusion and recommendations is attached.

On 12 April 1946 the Secretary permitted a brief period of time (to Tuesday 16 April) within which the difference of opinion between the Political offices of the Department and Col. McCormack could be resolved. Mr. Tyler Wood was designated by Col. McCormack to represent him in the conciliation negotiations. Mr. Wood, however, has not attempted to negotiate a formula acceptable to the Political Divisions and Col. McCormack but has acted as advocate for Col. McCormack's plan of intelligence organization as proposed in his brief of 12 February.

In order to bring this issue to a final conclusion, you are asked to indicate your preference below:

McCormack Plan

Russell Plan

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